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Claims against county total \$7,000,000

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

County citizens have filed claims against Coffee County for damages totalling \$7,000,000.00. The sworn statements of the claimants were presented to County Administrator Wilson Mobley on Friday morning, November 24, 1993. Each of the claims filed by four teen different families and/or individuals was for damages in the amount of \$500,000.00. The claims were filed as a result of the county opening a regional landfill within the vicinity of land owned by each of the claimants. The statements contend that the commission constructed the landfill "despite the fact that documents within its possession and other information known to it, reflect that the aquifers from which the [claimants] draw their water, are susceptible to contamination" by the landfill. Claimants contend that the commission failed to respond to repeated requests to construct or otherwise provide for a safe, reliable source of water other than the private water supply presently being used by them. (Editor's Note: At present, a grant has been applied for by the county commission to fund a water system for residents in the

landfill area. Plans call for the extension of Elba's water system. According to county officials, approval of the grant is expected in the very near future.) An additional claim is "that the Coffee County Commission recognized in its Solid Waste Management Plan that the location of solid waste disposal sites in Coffee County would devalue the private property within a three mile radius of the site thereof." Claimants state that "their respective property has been greatly devalued by the location and proximity of the Coffee County Landfill, as well as the continuous activity and noise associated with the operation of the Coffee County Landfill." In conclusion, the sworn statements of claim assert that "the site selection, construction and operation of the Coffee County Landfill and the subsequent devaluation of their [claimants] respective property amounts to the taking of a valuable property right and a thing of value by the Coffee County Commission without just compensation contrary to the laws of the State of Alabama and in violation of the rights of [claimants] as guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama." The documents list October 5,

1993 as the date and time of the injury sustained by the claimants. The site of the newly constructed county landfill is named as the place of injury. Coffee County received the state of Alabama's first permit to construct a Subtitle D landfill on February 9, 1993. The application and approval process took more than three (3) years to complete. The landfill was officially opened on Monday, October 4, 1993. Those residents filing claims against the county are as follows: Kenneth J. Boutwell/Estalene B. Helms/Clara Eulene B. Wise; Arthur D. & Audrey Smith; Dennis & Jan Y. Smith; Arthur D./Dean/Dennis Smith; Edward Lee & Elvie P. Westbrook; James H. & Margaret White, Sr.; James H. & Donna White, II; Duvall K. & Eulene B. Wise; James W. & Mary M. Kelley; Ben & Martha McKee; Paul Harrison; L.P. & Sylvia Hussy; William R. & Cupidean W. Crook; and D.K. Wise & Cupidean W. Crook. Attorney's for the claimants are: Jared & Jared of Elba and Paul A. Young, Jr. of Enterprise. It is now up to the commission to approve or disapprove the claims. The next commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in New Brocton.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...City Electrical crew dresses the town as they hang Christmas decorations in preparation for the coming holiday.

Two more law suits filed against city

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Two additional lawsuits have been filed against the City of Elba and Mayor Ricky Haywood on behalf of terminated employees. On Monday of this week attorneys for former Street Superintendent James Simmons and former Recreation Director Ricky Mularz filed suits in U. S. Federal District Court, Middle District, Montgomery, due to their multiple firings by Mayor Haywood in recent weeks. Both cases are filed against the City of Elba, the council members in their official capacity and Haywood in both his official capacity and individually, according to lawyers representing each of the men. Haywood fired the two and following a required hearing on the reasons for the terminations, the city council voted unanimously to reinstate both men. The two were again terminated by the mayor the next morning and on one or two additional occasions after the council voted to reinstate them. Attorney Gerald Johnson, of Andalusia, who is representing Simmons, confirmed Tuesday morning that he had indeed filed the lawsuit. Claiming violations of the 14th Amendment, 5th Amendment and Title 42, of the 1983 Civil Rights Act, the suit claims lack of due process and equal opportunity. They are asking for reinstatement to his job, payment of lost wages and

reinstatement of seniority. Johnson explained they are asking for compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus payment of attorney fees and costs. There are four charges in this suit, claiming damages of \$1,000,000 in each charge. Attorney John Pappanastos, of Montgomery, added in a telephone conversation that in addition to claims similar to the Simmons case, his lawsuit claims violation of Mularz's First Amendment Rights. This is due to a letter (or memo) Haywood admitted he wrote Mularz in response to an article Mularz wrote in *The Elba Clipper*. This case has three counts and is asking \$1,000,000 and other relief in each count.

He explained that the cases have just been filed and he has no idea what judge will hear the cases nor the court date for either of them. Pappanastos added that normally within 30-45 days after filing of a suit, the court will issue a schedule for the various hearings necessary to get the case to trial. Only then will the cases go to trial. Attorneys representing each of the men have requested jury trials. Neither Simmons nor Mularz had any comment on the suits. Two council members contacted said they were already expecting the suits. Haywood was out of his office Tuesday and therefore unavailable for comment.

Hanchey-City hearing held before Federal Judge Coody in Montgomery

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

A hearing was held Tuesday of this week in Montgomery before Judge Charles Coody in an effort to reach a settlement in the federal lawsuit filed on behalf of former police chief, Freddy Hanchey, against the City of Elba and Mayor Ricky Haywood. The hearing was held on orders from Federal Judge Harold Albrighton, who will decide the case if it goes to court. Present were repre-

sentatives of all parties with authority to make settlements in the lawsuit. No final conclusion was reached at this meeting Tuesday. However Judge Coody set a 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 7th, meeting in Montgomery with Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood and the entire City Council. Trial date for the case had been set for December 6, however that was postponed for one week, until December 13th by Judge Albrighton. This was to allow time for all hearings to be completed prior to the trial date.

Farm-City Week celebration a success

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Again, history has proved that it does repeat itself.

In the past, the celebration of Farm-City Week in Coffee County has gotten better each year. This year was no exception to the rule - it got better!



DREXEL COOK (L) PRESENTS AWARD TO ANDY SUMBLIN

Governor Folsom coming to Elba



Alabama Governor Jim Folsom Jr. will be in Elba next Monday night (December 6) for a public reception. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Elba High School. This reception is sponsored by the Coffee County Democratic Club and the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee. The public is invited and urged to come out and make the Governor of Alabama welcome on his first official visit to Elba since assuming the state's highest office.

This year marked the 17th year that Coffee County has participated in the nationally celebrated event. This was the nation's 37th annual observance. Dan Presley, of the County Extension Service, told the crowd of over 1,000 at the Farm-City Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 18th, "I hope you folks know you are making history tonight!" According to Presley, that was the largest crowd to ever attend an event in the Farm Center at New Brocton. Approximately 1,050 individuals were served in a record forty-five minutes. Another feat which is unequalled. After the banquet and awards ceremony, the crowd relaxed and enjoyed some quality entertainment. Headlining the entertainment was Clyde Foley Cummings, a very versatile country music artist. He played almost every instrument from the trumpet to a fiddle and played them well. Also providing entertainment were the Enterprise High School Encores and the Soundation Cloggers. The Farm of Distinction Award went to E.J. (Junior) Ellenburg while Andy Sumblin was recognized as Coffee County's Outstanding Businessman. Recognition was given to Greg Schrand, John Hataway, Allen Weeks and James Snell for their success in growing peanuts. Broiler producers Braxton Blackmon and Jimmy & Joyce Lashley were recognized by ConAgra and

Southland. James H. & Donna White, II; Duvall K. & Eulene B. Wise; James W. & Mary M. Kelley; Ben & Martha McKee; Paul Harrison; L.P. & Sylvia Hussy; William R. & Cupidean W. Crook; and D.K. Wise & Cupidean W. Crook. Attorney's for the claimants are: Jared & Jared of Elba and Paul A. Young, Jr. of Enterprise. It is now up to the commission to approve or disapprove the claims. The next commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in New Brocton.

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** HAPPENINGS **

ELBA'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 1993, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be Arts and Crafts booths set up on the square for Christmas shopping. The 1993 Little Miss Christmas Pageant will be held on the Courthouse Square beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Christmas Parade is set for 5:00 p.m. For more information concerning the parade, contact Ted or Jeanne Vignola at 897-5948 after 4:00 p.m. For pageant information call Kaye Whitworth at 897-3669 or Gene Kennett at 897-3125.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT. Alabama Governor Jim Folsom will be in Elba on Monday, December 6, 1993. A reception will be held in his honor at the Elba High School Cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Coffee County Democratic Club and Executive Committee. Everyone is invited to come out and meet the Governor.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brocton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. Each year, many Coffee County children are found to be needy. A Christmas Party for as many of these children as possible - complete with Santa - is set for December 17, 1993, at the home of Circuit Judge Gary McAliley. Any individual or organization wishing to help insure one or more children receive Christmas can contact Eva McGrath at 293-2618 (day) or Janet McAliley at 347-0484 (after 5 p.m.) or mail contributions to: The Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 306, Enterprise, AL 36331.



NEW BUSINESS OPENS...A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Thursday, November 18, officially opening Elba's newest business, Hair Studio & Sunational Tans, operated by Janie Waddell and Valerie Moore, is located in the same building as Mike's Gym at 122 N. Factory Street in Elba. Pictured above are those who were present for the special occasion. They are (l-r): Miss Elba Danielle Tew, Valerie Moore, Barry Giles, Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood, Mike Carnley, Little Miss Elba Mary Catherine Head, Janie Waddell, Gerald Tucker, and Junior Miss Elba Emily Crowe.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Governor Jim Folsom will be in Elba Monday night. We need to be sure he gets a real down home welcome from Elba folks. Folsom has Elba roots and is well known to many of us. It may be hard for friends to do more than shake hands with him because of so many people who always want to get in a personal word with dignitaries, but let's be sure we do show up for that ... Jim will remember.

Elba High School Principal Charles Clark is on the mend following a stroke he had while visiting relatives in Birmingham two weeks ago. The damage apparently wasn't as bad as some feared at first, but any stroke is bad. His recovery will probably be long and hard, but he can recover. Those who have talked with him by telephone and/or personally, report Charles is in good spirits and ready to get on with the getting well part. We wish him God Speed.

Elba Police Chief Jack Parker spent a couple of days this week in a Montgomery hospital. After he got there the doctors wanted to punch and poke him with a few tests, and he survived those. He was back in Elba Tuesday, which means things should be all right with him also. We hope that is correct.

Football is over this year for the Elba Tigers. St. Paul got their full attention last Friday night in Mobile. A good crowd of Elba fans traveled to Mobile to support the football team and band, but their support wasn't enough to overcome the playing of the Saints. Those of you who stayed home because of the rain, need to know there wasn't a drop of rain down there Friday ... at least not until after we had departed for Elba.

When planning a trip such as the one to Mobile Friday, we usually have Plan A and Plan B to cover unforeseen happenings. Plan A was to stop and eat an early evening meal with our daughter and son-in-law in Atmore. Plan B included going down on I-10 and coming back by Atmore and spending the night after the game. We did neither. At the last minute, we installed a Plan C and shared our ride with four other Elba fans. We didn't go down on I-65 through Atmore and didn't feel daughter wanted five grown men dropping in at midnight for a place to spend the night. We just came on home.

We might comment that there are a lot of nice people in Mobile, and you don't have to hunt them there. Those in our traveling party found several nice Mobile folks during our brief visit. They just happened up as we went about our business. We were also amazed at the cleanliness of the restrooms at the football stadium. While admitting we are not experts in this area and don't often even go to the stadium restrooms, we can give good reviews for the one we saw at St. Paul. Even in the second hall, the mess makers hadn't found the men's room there.

The City of Elba isn't alone in getting slapped with lawsuits. The County Commission is fast getting them one also. A claim has been filed over the landfill and this is the first step to actually filing a suit. This time the numbers are for \$7,000,000 (that is millions). We don't have the solution for this dispute any more than we have the solution for the disputes plaguing the City. All this is publicity we can ill afford.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 23, 1993, investigated the following incidents: two criminal misdeeds, one sexual abuse, recovery of car and individual, one assault, and two thefts.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for driver's license required, one for expired driver's license, three for speeding, and two for driving while driver's license are suspended.

The following arrest was made: one for harassment.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Rescue run to a residence on Plant Ave. (2:10 a.m.); Rescue run to Kleiner's (8:26 a.m.); Grass fire on Al Hwy. 87N (2:02 p.m.); Grass fire on Herman Driggers Dr. (2:34 p.m.); Wreck on Buford St. (2:38 p.m.); Fire trucks dispatched to wreck at the intersection of Buford and Court Streets (2:55 p.m.); Alarm at Williams Sign on Caroline St. (4:43 p.m.); Fire at Mullins Apts. (4:51 p.m.); Fight reported at Burch's Trailer Court (6:07 p.m.); Rescue run to West St. (8:14 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot

Debate on educational reform important to Coffee County

Editor's Note: University of Alabama Department of Journalism enrolled in Public Affairs Reporting spent two days in Montgomery gaining realistic experience in covering state government, under the direction of Dr. Frank Deaver. The Elba Clipper cooperates with Dr. Deaver by using stories these students have localized, for Elba and/or Coffee County.

by Tom Ellington
University of Alabama

The debate on education reform is important to Coffee County, even though the area's school systems are in relatively good shape, a local legislator said.

"We can't live in a vacuum," said state Rep. Jimmy Holley, D-Elba. "The quality of education in Macon County or Birmingham has a direct impact on employment opportunities statewide."

Governor Jim Folsom is expected to call a special session on education in November or early December. "We have the chance now," Folsom said in a statement released by his office. "The people of Alabama recognize that we can either make these changes ourselves or have the courts do it for us."

Montgomery Circuit Court Judge Eugene Reese set a September 30, 1994, deadline Thursday for the Legislature to pass an equitable funding plan for the state's public schools. The deadline is a new development in the state's long-running equity funding lawsuit, which began in 1990. Reese ruled in March that the state's education funding system is unfair to poor school systems.

A later deadline would be "to the detriment of school children across the state," Reese said.

"To wait until 1995 for implementation of these proposed remedies will only ensure that those students who started in first grade in 1990 will be in junior high school in 1995 without the benefit of any of these reforms that have been suggested," he said.

The Legislature is expected to take up education funding in a November or December special session. Casino gambling has been discussed as possible school funding method. But Barbara Thomas, the governor's press secretary, said Folsom had not decided whether to consider to propose gambling as a funding solution.

"Gov. Folsom has made no decision or commitment at all on gambling," she said.

Holley said he would decide whether to support gambling legislation when and if he sees such a proposal.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - Routine activity.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Disturbance reported at Kendrick Apts. (1:55 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (1:18 p.m.); Wreck on Al Hwy. 189N (7:59 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Morrow Village (10:03 p.m.); Rescue run to Brunson Trailer Park (10:22 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - Disturbance reported at Elba General Hospital (10:01 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Grass fire on Al Hwy. 87N (12:31 p.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Routine activity.

CORRECTION - In the November 18th issue of the Elba Clipper under the picture of James Scott Yelverton and Lisa Rena Holcomb we had Mr. Yelverton and Mr. Holcomb which should have read Mr. Yelverton and Miss Holcomb. The Elba Clipper is sorry for this error.

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Bulletin Board

S.S. REP. Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
ROTARY CLUB - Monday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MONITORIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brinkton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Tues. 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASSONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brinkton @ Farm Center Complex - 8th St.
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY - 3rd Wed. Noon - Citizens Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT ALTITUDE - 1st Tuesday 12:00 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP - Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

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FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
Terry Everett

House Approves Welfare for Politicians

In a very discouraging vote last Monday, the U.S. House of Representatives decided to gut serious campaign finance reform, and instead, opted for a toothless and hollow impostor.

The result means no change in the way congressional campaigns are financed with the exception that politicians will be able to draw public funds for their races — at your expense!

Last year on the campaign trail and all this year in the House, the politicians have been clamoring for real reform in campaign financing. Many promised to limit the influence of Political Action Committee or "PAC" contributions, which constitute the majority of many candidates' congressional war chests. They also promised to restrict so-called "soft money," or indirect contributions funneled into campaigns. The idea, of course, was to keep politicians accountable to the people while containing the alarmingly high cost of campaigning for office.

Despite the rhetoric and the promises, what Congress actually passed on a 255 to 175 vote last Monday was a sham. The voters wanted real campaign finance reform and what they got was apathy. Even the Washington Post voiced objections to its provisions noting the bill violates the First Amendment and "has overkill on the fringes and weakness at the core."

The New York Times was even more pointed, observing that the House Democrat campaign bill is a fake bill, a sham, "designed to protect incumbents and wealthy special interests at the expense of democracy and a cleaner government."

What the liberals passed was H.R.3 — otherwise known as the House Administration Campaign Finance Reform Act. Astonishingly,

it does very little to change the current campaign system except to provide for public financing of campaigns. The reasoning for this approach was to ensure that campaign funds were "clean" and not overly tainted with special interest money. But H.R. 3 still allows Political Action Committee funds — up to \$5,000 per candidate per election cycle. What's more, it also expects the taxpayers to cough up an additional one billion dollars to subsidize political campaigns.

Polis across the country have shown that as much as 70 percent of the nation is opposed to the use of its tax dollars for campaign financing. But Congress doesn't care and happily continues down the road of tax and spend.

Even more interesting about H.R. 3 is what it leaves out. It calls for public financing of campaigns, but if you search the fine print of the bill you will find no mention of how Congress intends to pay for it — translation — you can expect a new tax bill.

To me, any legislation which changes nothing while increasing taxes is not reform, it's an outright fraud. Instead of welfare for politicians, I voted for the Republican alternative bill which called for an outright ban on all PAC contributions and the requirement that a majority of a candidate's contributions be raised from individual contributors in his or her home district. This approach also bans all soft money. Unfortunately, this better plan did not pass.

I believe that the citizens of Southeast Alabama aren't interested in fake measures which give the appearance of reform while only providing more of the same. They want change and they want significant change and that is what I tried to give them.

Weeks, Yokesha Terry, and Jabari Cole.

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Dr. John Morrow Selected Assistant To The President At The University Of South AL



DR. JOHN MORROW

MacArthur Tech Now Offering Target Program

MacArthur State Technical College is now offering admissions and financial counseling, tutorial services, and scheduled cultural events for students through the Target Program. Prospective students in need of these services should contact Polly Patterson at 493-3573, ext. 264.

Red Cross Community First Aid Class Slated

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a Community First Aid class on December 6, 7, and 9. The schedule is as follows: Monday 6-10 p.m., Adult CPR; Tuesday 6-8:30 p.m., Infant/Child CPR; Thursday 6-8:30 p.m., First Aid at Enterprise State Junior College. There is a \$25 registration fee which includes the workbook and course instruction. Registration for the class may be completed at the Red Cross office located inside the Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Street. For more information call 347-2461.

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a community blood drive Tuesday, December 7, from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Enterprise Recreation Center on Lex St. Give the gift of life... be a blood donor. For more information about donating blood, call the chapter office at 347-2461.

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Counselor's Corner

by Gina Bedsole & Cory Driggers
The Pro Image is sponsoring several scholarships valued at \$1000 each. If you would like to apply for one of these scholarships you can pick up an application at your nearest Pro Image, located at Wiregrass Commons in Dothan.

Applications are available to receive more information on the College of All Health Professions at the University of South Alabama. If you are interested see Mr. Carley for more information.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS LUNCHROOM MENUS

December 6 - 10, 1993

BREAKFAST
Monday - Toast & Jelly Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage & Biscuit Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Grits & Toast Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Eggs & Toast Or Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Chicken Fingers, Butter Beans, Baked Potato, Pear Half, Milk
Tuesday - Salmon Croquette, Steamed Cabbage, Creamed Potatoes, Corn Bread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Noodle Soup W/ Crackers, Garden Peas, Cheese Salad, Wish, Apple, Milk
Thursday - Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans W/ White Potatoes, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn On Cob, Fruit, Milk

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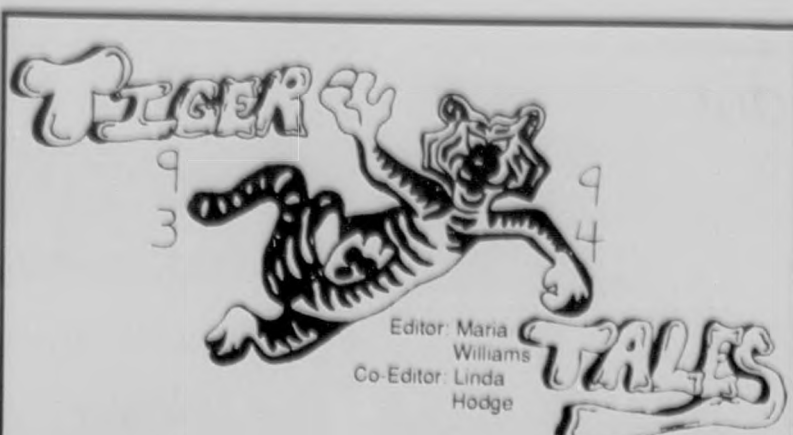
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r): Eric Jordan, Randy Dodd, Emily Crowe, Bobby Burks, and Chris Vaughn.

by Robyn Rhoades & Stacy Seay
Eric Jordan, is in the seventh grade. Randy Dodd, is an eighth grader and is the son of Jim and Elaine Dodd. He enjoys playing basketball and was recently chosen for the eighth grade team. Randy is a member of FFA.
Bobby Burks, is the son of Bobby and Kathleen Burks and is a freshman. He enjoys playing football and basketball and is a member of FFA. Bobby attends the Bethlehem Baptist Church.
Emily Crowe, is a sophomore and the daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe. She enjoys playing golf and being a varsity cheerleader. Emily is a member of FBLA, FCA, E-Club, St. Beta Club, and Interact. She attends First Baptist Church.
Chris Vaughn, is the son of Ronnie and Allona Vaughn and is a junior. He enjoys hunting, golf, and playing flunker for the Elba Tigers. He is a member of FFA, FCA, E-Club, and attends the United Methodist Church.

GO, TIGERS GO!

Elba High School's FBLA Says, "Shop In Elba"

The members of the Elba High School Future Business Leaders of America club for the 1993 American Enterprise Day in Elba on November 15, a survey was conducted among the members at the high school to find out why we should shop or even encourage others to shop in Elba. The survey resulted in Ten Reasons Why We (FBLA) Should Shop in Elba. After the results were announced, letters and flyers were delivered to area business owners soliciting their participation in our project. Over two thousand flyers were printed listing the results of this survey. Each business owner was asked to make the flyers available to the customers by placing them in bags, in cars, on the counters, etc. The business owners were also given a questionnaire to complete and return to the FBLA members. Forty-five businesses were included in the survey. Some of the questions asked on the questionnaire included the following: How long have you owned a business in Elba? What promotional ad campaigns

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Tiger Tales To Have Guest Editorials

In the eleventh grade advanced English classes, Mrs. Padgett's students recently read examples of persuasive writing by early American writers. They read Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," Patrick Henry's Speech in the Virginia Convention, and Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. After reading these works, they discussed the persuasive devices used by these great writers.

Following their reading and discussion of these works, their assignment was to employ techniques used by these writers in writing a persuasive essay. They were allowed to address an issue that concerned them. Many students addressed issues about Elba High School.

In the next few weeks, one of these persuasive papers will be used weekly on the Tiger Tales page as a guest editorial.

positive attitudes. These Biblical teachings and readings could be performed without mentioning a specific religion or interfering with different beliefs. People in the United States are rapidly losing their morals and ideals. With media, politics, movies and literature as they are today, the minds of youth are being polluted. Because many students have not been introduced to the powerful words of the Bible, religious activities in public schools would improve the moral and ethical standing of society.

Each time students pray before a football game, recite the Pledge of Allegiance in class, or use American money

in school they are breaking the law! Congress requires that teachers explain scientific theories, which oppose Biblical ethics, to students. At the same time, Congress allows no religious activities to be held in schools. They cannot deny the rights promised in ink by the Founding Fathers of the United States to practice religion under any roof. As the saying goes, "as long as there are tests, there will be prayer in school!"

Our Almighty Creator may be the common denominator that can unify various cultures to provide harmony in schools.

Elena Strong

SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r): Jennifer Hollinghead, Michael Grantham, Chris Tadlock, and Chris Harrell.

by Dee Dee Siler & Danielle Tew
Chris Harrell, Chris is the son of Donald Barton and Pam Barton. He enjoys running as an after school activity. His future plans include going to college for a business degree.
Jennifer Hollinghead, Jennifer is the daughter of Martha and Billy Hollinghead. Her hobbies include reading, working on Dorset Trailers, and babysitting. She attends New Haven Baptist Church. Her most memorable event of high school is winning the State Championship in 1992. After graduation Jennifer plans to attend EHS.
Michael Grantham, Michael is the son of Cindy Davis. His hobbies are playing basketball, tennis, and watching sports on T.V. Michael's most memorable EHS event was the state semifinal game against UMS. After graduation he plans to attend a major college, play baseball and become a veterinarian.
Chris Tadlock, Chris is the son of Gwen Tadlock. His hobbies are playing football, basketball, FFA, FBLA, and hunting. Chris's most memorable event at EHS was winning the state championship game. After graduation he plans to go to college and become a wild life manager.



Pictured above (l to r): Anna Scarborough

On November 15, Ms. Hamilton's advanced English classes traveled to the Dothan Civic Center to watch a number of plays. They saw, "The Monkey's Paw," "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Necklace," "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

Following the plays, the students were given the choice of eating at either Applebee's, Taco Bell, or Shoney's. The trip was greatly enjoyed by the majority of the freshmen who attended the day long event.

FFA Members Go To Kansas City



Pictured above (l to r): Anna Lawless, Brian Heaton, Robyn Rhoades, Chris Tadlock, and Trey Lawless.

by Indya Lawless
Between November 9 and 14, the Elba FFA Chapter attended the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Local President Indya Lawless, Sentinel-Trey Lawless, and Secretary Robyn Rhoades attended. This group was chartered by Mr. Brian Heaton, the new FFA advisor at EHS. The trip was very educational and included a speech by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Mike Espy. Singer Les Greenwood entertained and the 1994 Miss American Kimberly Aiken was a guest speaker.
Holly Stinson, State FFA Secretary, served as a delegate from Alabama. This duty gave Holly an opportunity to vote on national issues concerning agricultural education. This was Holly's second year to serve as a delegate from Alabama. The local chapter would like to thank the city of Elba and the school for supporting them and helping to make this trip possible.

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WIN, LOSE OR DRAW!!!!

FBIA And Science Dept. Jewelry Sale

by Samella Green

The members of Zion Chapel's Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America department selling jewelry and Christmas wrappings to raise money to finance various activities.

The jewelry that was sold was 22 karat gold plated and included necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. Christmas items such as wrapping paper and gift tags were also sold. Each person was asked to sell ten items. The members were divided into groups according to their grade, 9-12. Prizes were given to anyone who sold items in increments between 20 and 125.

Science Fiction Readers And Astronomers Meet

by David Nunn

"Beam me up, Scotty." If this sounds interesting to you, you might enjoy being a member of Zion Chapel's Science Fiction Readers and Astronomers Club.

Although the SFR is a new club many people have shown interest and have become members. At the meeting on November 9, there were 19 members on the official roll.

During the business meeting, President Joe Arnold discussed possible field trips to the U. S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, and along with trips to Troy State University and the Montgomery Planetarium.

The next topic of discussion was about adopting a new constitution for the SFR. Joe presented a new constitution for ratification. The members looked it over very carefully and decided that it was what they wanted. Very few changes were made and the new constitution was passed by a unanimous vote. The club finished the meeting by talking about science fiction literature. The meeting was adjourned.

Basketball Begins At Zion Chapel

by Grady Williams

The 1993-94 Basketball Season has begun at Zion Chapel. The basketball team will consist of A, B, and Junior High Teams. The A team will consist of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders; the B team will consist of ninth and tenth graders; and the junior varsity team will consist of seventh, eighth, and some ninth graders. There are 19 varsity players and 20 junior varsity players.

Varsity coach, Mr. Doug Branson, and junior varsity coach, Mr. Charles Smith, have set goals for the teams. Coach Smith would like to see the team go undefeated and to see each player become an overall better player. Coach Branson's main goal is to also go undefeated accomplishing this one game at a time. Another goal of Coach Branson is for the team to obtain a level of high competitiveness and then to keep this position once it is reached. He plans to do this by emphasizing feeder programs at the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade levels. These feeder programs will teach the players sound fundamentals and make them an overall better player. Coach Branson said, "I am very excited about this year's team and their willingness to work and improve themselves."

Zion Chapel has one returning senior and three returning juniors who will be returning next year, which Coach Branson believes should be encouraging for the future. The team's first game will be against Coffee Springs at Zion Chapel on November 30.

by Beverly A. Flowers
Prizes for the annual fruit sale were the topic of discussion at the senior high FFA meeting held recently. The top salesperson will be awarded \$200, the second place \$100, and the third highest salesperson will be awarded \$50. Any member who sells over 20 whole cases of fruit will be awarded an FFA t-shirt. Members who sell over 40 cases will be awarded official FFA jackets.

The members also discussed the idea of designing an original FFA t-shirt for Zion Chapel members only. All of the members were encouraged to come up with ideas for the shirt and give those

ideas to Mr. John McCrory, advisor, or to the officer team. Once the shirts are designed and manufactured they will be on sale to all Zion Chapel FFA members. Mr. McCrory discussed the contests in which Zion Chapel hopes to participate in the future. The contests include public speaking, land judging, forestry judging, and livestock judging. He stressed the importance of preparation and of work but that the rewards were well worth the effort.

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Z.C. Gets New Teacher

by Pamela Bell

Mrs. Sherie Jean Buchanan of Cicero, Illinois, is a new teacher that has recently joined the Zion Chapel High School Staff. Mrs. Buchanan has a husband, Michael, and a 2 year old daughter, Jamie.

Mrs. Buchanan is a graduate of Morton East High School. She later went to College and earned an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts at Western Kentucky University. She also went there for graduate study, where she received a master's degree in education and a fifth year non-degree program in education were completed.

In college she studied Fine Arts, Education in Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education. Mrs. Buchanan taught six years at Browning Springs Middle School in Madisonville, Kentucky, and one year at Muhlenberg South High School. In all, she has been teaching for eight years.

At Muhlenberg and Muhlenberg, she taught LDMH resource, self-contained behavior disorder, alternate school, and TMH. She moved to Alabama because her husband was assigned to the Fort Rucker Army installation.

Pictured above (l to r): Jennifer Hollinghead, Michael Grantham, Chris Tadlock, and Chris Harrell.

Parent & Career Class Carries Potato Babies For A Week

by Bobbie Simmons

Zion Chapel's Parenting and Careers Class is experiencing the trials of Parenthood. Ms. Joan Hobbs, Home Economics Instructor, assigned her class of nine, a job that none were to forget. Each person in the class had to carry a potato baby for the whole week.

The potato had to be named, clothed, and constantly cared for. Each student had to keep track of who took care of their baby when they could not.

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Z.C. Gets New Teacher

by Pamela Bell

Mrs. Sherie Jean Buchanan of Cicero, Illinois, is a new teacher that has recently joined the Zion Chapel High School Staff. Mrs. Buchanan has a husband, Michael, and a 2 year old daughter, Jamie.

Mrs. Buchanan is a graduate of Morton East High School. She later went to College and earned an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts at Western Kentucky University. She also went there for graduate study, where she received a master's degree in education and a fifth year non-degree program in education were completed.

In college she studied Fine Arts, Education in Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education. Mrs. Buchanan taught six years at Browning Springs Middle School in Madisonville, Kentucky, and one year at Muhlenberg South High School. In all, she has been teaching for eight years.

At Muhlenberg and Muhlenberg, she taught LDMH resource, self-contained behavior disorder, alternate school, and TMH. She moved to Alabama because her husband was assigned to the Fort Rucker Army installation.

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Parent & Career Class Carries Potato Babies For A Week

by Bobbie Simmons

Zion Chapel's Parenting and Careers Class is experiencing the trials of Parenthood. Ms. Joan Hobbs, Home Economics Instructor, assigned her class of nine, a job that none were to forget. Each person in the class had to carry a potato baby for the whole week.

The potato had to be named, clothed, and constantly cared for. Each student had to keep track of who took care of their baby when they could not.

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Rebel Football Team Enjoys Banquet

by Chris Hodge

The Zion Chapel Football Teams, Cheerleading Squads, and Coaching Staff recently held their 1993 football banquet at Quincy's in Daleville. Mr. Perry Swindall, the head coach of the Daleville Warriors, was the guest speaker. Coach Swindall talked about PRIDE (People Reaching Inside Determined to Excel).

Following Coach Swindall's speech, Mr. Charles Smith presented the Junior Varsity Football Players and Cheerleaders with a trophy for their hard work during the 1993 season. Coach David Collins then awarded plaques to Mrs

ELBA TIGERS #1 WINNER



ELBA'S DEPENDABLE DOC...Neither rain, nor a three-hour bus ride, nor a cool wind at Mobile Bay could keep Elba's Team Doctor Donald Crook from his spot on the sidelines with his Tigers.

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I was out of the state a couple of days last week to be with my Dad as he underwent heart surgery, and that meant that I was also away from my little girls for a couple of nights. Melissa told me how bad she missed me and Melanie gave me a big hug when I got back to town, but since both girls got to sleep with Mom while I was gone, I really don't think they missed dear ole Dad all that much. At least not as much as he missed them!

ELBA TIGERS GET RUDE AWAKENING IN MOBILE

The Elba Tigers and their fans were talking about repeating as state champions after winning the first two rounds in the playoffs, but all that talking stopped last Friday night as the Tigers were eliminated from the 3A playoffs by St. Paul's 33-8. The loss in itself wasn't really that shocking, it was the margin of defeat that stunned even the St. Paul's fans, as Elba was handed its most lopsided loss in years. A loss is a loss, and a loss in the playoffs is a loss that hurts even worse. However, a 25-point loss is a loss that will still be in your mind when the time comes to pull back on the pads in the spring. It hurts now, but it could make the returning players even more dedicated when the off-season program gets underway. If the Tigers will use the loss as a lesson learned the hard way, it could pay dividends for next year's team.

EVEN MORE SURPRISES SURFACE IN PREP PLAYOFFS

The state playoffs continued last week across the state and there were some more surprises in just about every class. Here's a quick look back....

CLASS 6A - Central, of Phenix City, had to struggle to get past Benjamin Russell, and that seems to indicate that it could be Enterprise against Birmingham in the finals. The surprising team? West End, even with its 12-1 record and one of the state's best defenses.

CLASS 5A - Valley ousted defending champ Blount in week #2, but got their own exit papers last week as it was stunned by Choctaw County 7-6 and now faces another heavy favorite in Greenville. Who knows?

CLASS 4A - It took Daleville three overtimes to squeak past Daleville for the big rematch. Remember Dresher and its 56 points? It lost last week to Piedmont 14-7. A week is like a year in the playoffs.

CLASS 3A - What had been called the "best team ever in 3A" won't win the state title this year, either. Southern Choctaw was upset by Glencoe 16-13 in overtime, after its big 64-point outburst the week before. The Indians have had a good team two straight years, but weren't able to get over the hump. There is a lot of difference between a winner and a champion!

CLASS 2A - Georgiana was at home and expected to post another big win, but Leroy really was huddler than old King Kong and meaner than a junkyard dog, as it whipped the Panthers 28-7. Even one loss can wipe out what had been a super season.

CLASS 1A - Brantley struggled to get past J.U. Blacksher and it looks like a good thing the "Dogs" are hitting the road, because the homefield advantage seems to do nothing for the Bulldogs, at least in the playoffs.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR'S PLAYOFF PICKINGS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on 18 of 24 picks last week and now stands at 347-74 for the year. He left this week's picks Sunday night and they went something like this....

Enterprise 17, Central, PC 14
Berry 10, West End 7
Greenville 21, Choctaw County 0
Oxford 17, Etowah 15
Pike County 20, Daleville 18
North Jackson 21, Piedmont 14

St. Paul's 13, Glencoe 10
Colbert County 21, Central 17
Leroy 14, St. Clair Co. 7
Hazlewood 28, Hattin 14
Brantley 16, Natusulga 13
Courtland 45, West Jefferson 26

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SPORTS

Tigers fall hard in quarterfinals 33-8

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their hopes of winning a second straight state football championship come to a crashing halt Friday night when the St. Paul's Saints scored early to take command and never let up in pounding the Tigers 33-8, in Mobile.

The win improved St. Paul's record to 11-2 and moved the Saints into the semifinals of the 3A playoffs, while Elba ended its season with a 7-5 record.

Elba got a break early in the game when Josh Caldwell intercepted a St. Paul's pass and returned it to the Saints 39-yardline. The Tigers moved to a third down and five at the 34 on a short pass completion from Keith Grantham to Caldwell, but that was as far as the Tigers could march and Elba came away empty-handed.

St. Paul's got a break of its own midway through the opening stanza when Elba's Josh Caldwell misjudged a punt at the Tiger 18-yardline, and fumbled the high kick into the arms of a waiting St. Paul's defender.

Two plays later David Francia went in standing up from seven yards out, and Jonah Dismukes added the extra-point to give St. Paul's a 7-0 lead with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

Elba's offense began to come to life on its next series and marched 39 yards in six plays to reach the Saints 41-yardline.

D.J. Belcher was the workhorse of the drive for the Tigers with 40 yards on only three carries, but the drive bogged down at the Saints 41, and Elba again punted the ball back to St. Paul's.

St. Paul's started at its own 13-yardline following the Tiger punt and drove 56 yards in eight running plays to reach a fourth down and six at the Elba 31-yardline. David Francia gained 29 yards on five carries and John Atwood added 24 yards on two carries to spark the drive; however, it too ended short of the end zone as the fourth down pass fell incomplete.

Elba dodged a bullet on its next series as St. Paul's David Francia returned the punt 62 yards for an apparent touchdown, only to see the long TD run nullified by a clipping penalty.

St. Paul's had more bullets; however, and on the very next play fired again and this time hit its target as Michael Sanders lofted a pass to a streaking Lee Goodloe for a 70-yard scoring loss. Elba's Roscoe Coleman blocked the extra-point try, but with Grantham and the running of Chris Tyson, but saw the drive end on a pass interception at the Saints 9-yardline.

The final score of the night came with 1:00 left in the game when St. Paul's regained possession at the Elba 47-yardline following a missed fourth down gamble, and came on a 36-yard run by John Atwood. Dismukes added the extra-point and the final horn St. Paul's had the win 33-8.

The third touchdown of the night for the Saints came when Michael Sanders was forced to scramble and then found Lee Goodloe all alone in the back of the endzone on a 21-yard touchdown pass. Dismukes added left the extra-point and with 4:33 left in the second quarter St. Paul's was in total command with a 20-0 lead.

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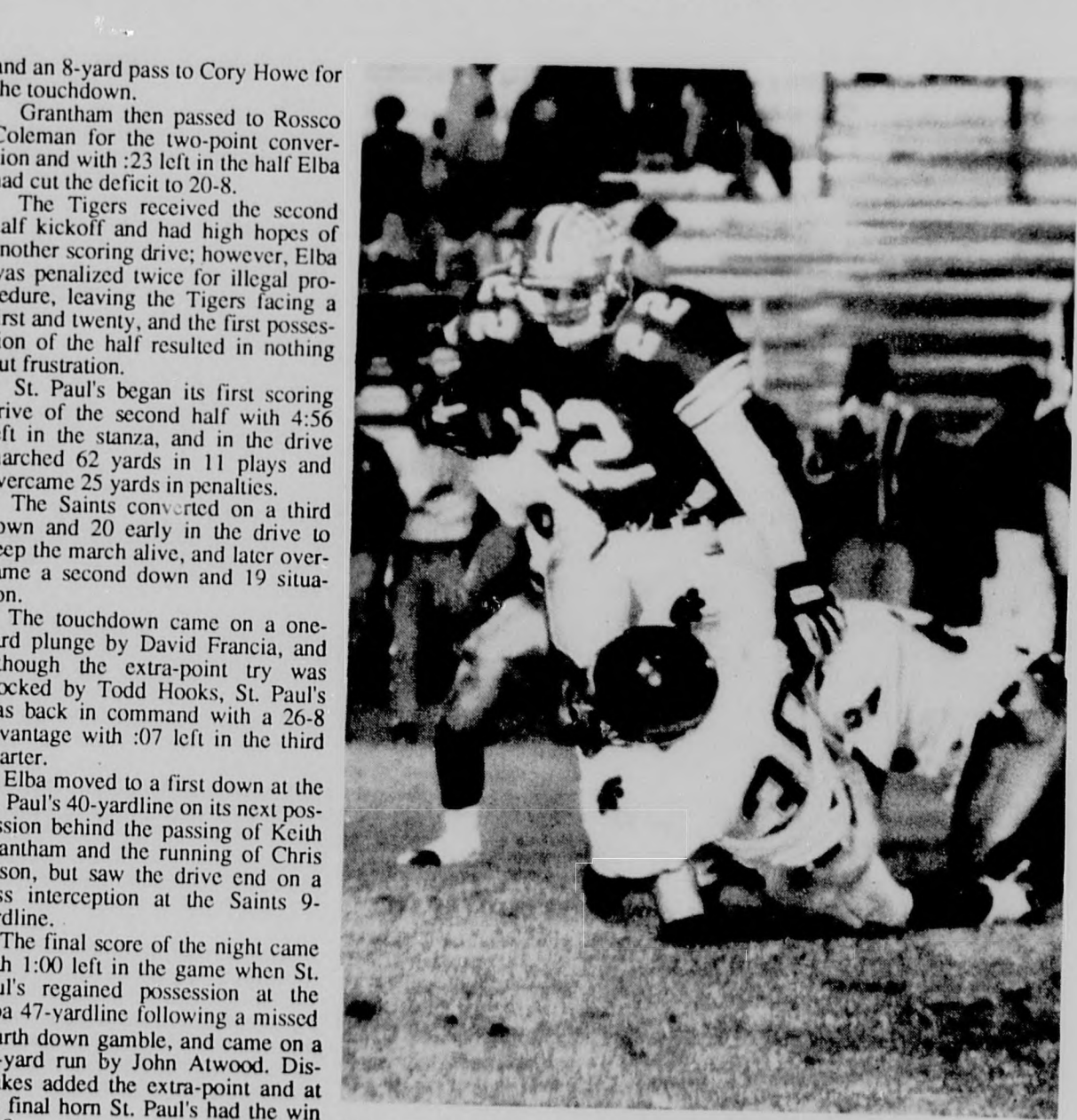
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Elba's D.J. Belcher (44) heads outside the blocks of Cory Howe (86) and Ramey Bryan (50) during action last week in the 3A playoffs. Belcher gained 70 yards in the Tigers' 33-8 loss to St. Paul's.



NOT THIS TIME...Elba's Detrick Kyles (30) stops St. Paul's David Francia (22) in the backfield for a third loss. The Tiger defense was unable to contain the Saints Friday night as St. Paul's posted a 33-8 win.

EL	1st Downs	SP
28-111	Rushes-Yds.	42-230
103	Passing Yds.	119
214	Total Offense	358
9-21-1	Passes	3-11-1
2/2	Fumbles/Lost	3/0
7-32	Punts-Ave.	3-42
7-55	Penalties-Yds.	9-75

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I'LL TAKE ON ALL OF YOU GUYS! Brantley's Charlie Layton (34) finds himself outnumbered, but not down yet, as he fights for yardage in last week's 21-7 win over J.U. Blacksher. Brantley will travel to Natusulga Friday night to meet the Blue Devils in the semifinals of the Class 1A football playoffs.

Brantley paints Blacksher blue 21-7

By Cade Shiver, Sports Editor

The Brantley Bulldogs muscled out to a 21-0 halftime lead and held on in the second half to dump the J.U. Blacksher Bulldogs 21-7, Friday night in Brantley, in the third round of the 1A football playoffs.

The win improved Brantley's record to 13-0 and moved the Bulldogs into a semifinal showdown against Natusulga, while J.U. Blacksher ended the season with a 6-6 mark.

Neither team had much luck moving the football on their initial possession of the night; however, Brantley did get lucky following its first possession as Blacksher fumbled the Bulldog punt and Brantley recovered at the Blacksher 21-yardline.

An 11-yard scamper by Derek Caldwell and a 9-yard run by Marco Jones got Brantley within inches of the goal line, and on the next play was Jones with the short TD run to put Brantley on the scoreboard. Austin Cauley added the extra-point and with 3:56 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 7-0.

Brantley got the ball right back on its own 20-yardline following a Blacksher punt and once again headed toward the endzone!

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their perfect 13-0 record and their dreams of a state football championship on the line Friday night when they travel to Natusulga to battle the highly-touted Natusulga Blue Devils.

The Bulldogs made it look easy in the regular season as they blasted their 10 victims by a combined score of 353-15, and while the going has been a bit tougher in the playoffs, the Bulldogs have remained in control outscoring their three playoff opponents by a combined score of 69-24.

The Brantley defense allowed only 15 points during the regular season and has yielded only one TD per game in the post-season action. The Big Green defense has been paced by Jimmy Burnett, Eric Crenshaw, Patrick Hill and Andreotti Daniels.

Natusulga opened the season with an impressive 16-6 win over (4A) Beauregard, then followed it with wins over (3A) Louisiana 48-0, (3A) Corner 28-14 and (1A) Leachapoka 26-7, before suffering its only loss of the season to (4A) Lafayette 23-6. After the midseason loss, the Blue Devils reeled off wins over (1A) Wadley 36-6, (1A) Boulah 27-7, (2A) Horseshoe Bend 41-7, (2A) Reelton 16-14 and (1A) Montgomery Academy 22-7, to finish the regular season at 9-1. In the playoffs the Devils have claimed wins over Montgomery Academy 27-0, Coffeeville 20-6 and Arion 18-8.

Natusulga averaged 26.6 points a game during the regular season, while in the playoffs the scoring average has dropped slightly to 21.6. Over on defense, the Devils allowed 9.1 points a game in the season, and in the playoffs have allowed only 4.7.

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Time of Planting Critical To Winter Grazing Grasses

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To a diversified farmer, particularly one who has peanuts and cattle, there are two items of business on their minds right now. One is to get his peanut harvest up out of the field and sold at a good price. The other is to try to get winter grazing planted before too much cold weather moves in.

To help ease the mind of many of these folks, I felt it would be a good idea to talk a little about what research has told us in planting forage grasses. To start, let's talk about wheat for just a second. Wheat can be planted all of the way to November 15 here in south Alabama. Usually if you broadcast the seed, you need to get 60 to 90 pounds to the acre out. If you drill it, you cut this to 60 to 75 pounds to the acre. Wheat should be planted no more than an inch to two inches deep.

Rye has much the same planting time as wheat. In fact, you might be able to go just a little later in planting rye than you can with wheat and can also start, most of the time, a little earlier. The only problem in getting in too early with rye is if weather condition get just right, it can head out in the late fall of the year. The rates on rye are very much like wheat.

If you want late grazing, say on into May or June, then ryegrass is the forage grass that you would want to take a look at. Auburn research indicates the best time to plant ryegrass is the latter part of September. However, here in the Peanut Belt it has been hard for us to plant that early due to peanut harvest. I have seen through my own observation as many farmers know we have planted as late as the latter part of October and even the first of November with quite a bit of success on ryegrass. My own personal opinion is that if you get much past the first week in November, you are running a risk of freeze damage on ryegrass. It has to grow for a few weeks before cold weather hits to develop any kind of tolerance. If you plant late, you may want to use the variety Marshall since this appears to be one of the best cold hardy varieties that we have. The rate on ryegrass if you broadcast is 20 to 30 pounds to the acre. If you mix ryegrass with other forage crops, you can lower that rate to 15 to 20 pounds to the acre. Ryegrass does not need to be planted as deep as rye or wheat. It only needs to be about a half inch deep at the most.

Another crop that does very well for us here in south Alabama is oats. They are very nutritious and cattle love the taste. The only problem with oats is if you have any suitable cold weather for any length of time, oats will winter kill. September through October is the best time to plant oats. If you are planting them for grain, you can go even 30 days later than this. I think oats are much like ryegrass.

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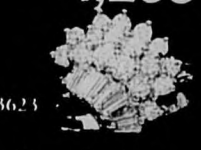
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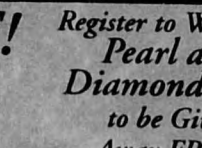
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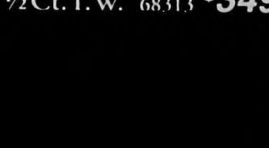
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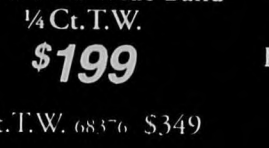


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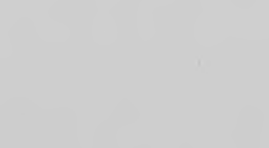
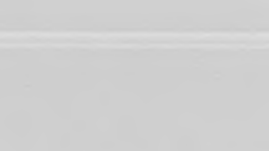
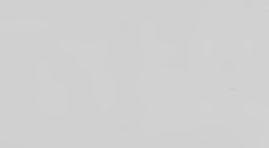
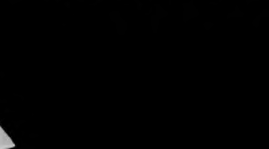


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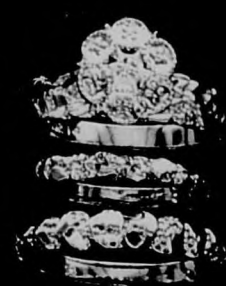
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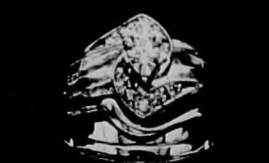
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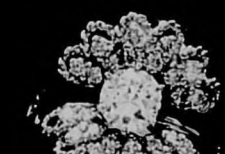
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Circuit Judge Terry Butts seeks seat on Alabama Supreme Court

by Ferrin Cox
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Circuit Judge Terry Butts, of Elba, made it official last Wednesday night ... next year he will be seeking a seat on the Alabama Supreme Court.

Speculation among friends and associates of Judge Butts for the past several months has been that after 18 years, he was interested in moving into a statewide office. The seat he is seeking is one being vacated by retiring Judge Henry Steagall, of Ozark.

He told a large crowd of friends and well wishers gathered at an Enterprise restaurant that he choose to make his official announcement in the heart of the Wiregrass, not only because it is home, but also because he loves the people of this area.

A native of rural Crenshaw County, AL, Butts moved to Elba and opened a law practice in 1968, upon graduating from law school. He remained in private practice until 1976. During this time he also served five years at City Judge for Elba and two years as County Judge.

Butts was elected to the 12th Judicial Circuit (serving Coffee and Pike Counties) position in 1976, replacing the retiring Eris Paul. He has been re-elected to that position for two additional six year terms.

During his tenure as Circuit Judge he has served six years as presiding

judge, a position he continues to hold.

Terry Butts is a graduate of the public schools in Luverne, AL. He also graduated from Troy State University and received his law degree from the University of Alabama. The judge said the was "called" to law school from the cotton fields of Crenshaw County.

In announcing his intentions to seek statewide office, Butts said he believes he can make a difference. He added, "We must send a message that our society must gain control over the crime in this country. ...

Butts added, "We must send the message that a way must be found to do this without new taxes."

We must see that the legislature gives the judges the tools with which to combat this problem." Apparently well aware of the attitudes of the working people concerning new taxes, Butts added, "We must send the message that a way must be found to do this without new taxes."

Judge Butts closed with, "I pledge to you that as your next Supreme Court Justice, I will bring you capable, courageous, common sense decisions on a fair, level playing field for all."

Butts' wife Suzanne as at his side Wednesday evening as he made his announcement.



GOVERNOR JIM FOLSOM JR. was in Elba Monday evening addressing the Coffee County Democratic Club and other interested citizens. The gathering was held in the lunch room of the new Elba High School. Shown above welcoming Folsom is Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood. Jackson W. Stokes, center, Chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Committee joined Haywood in welcoming his long-time friend to Coffee County.

Folsom told the group he had no apologies for the recent deal with Mercedes which will bring the European car maker to Alabama. He added that recent polls show that a majority of Alabama residents are pleased with the fact the company is coming to the state.

He also discussed his plans for revitalizing the farm to market roads in Alabama. He reminded those present that his father started this vital and highly popular program while he was governor of Alabama. Folsom noted that system is in a poor state of repair and he has promised county commissioners he will get the program underway by January 1995.

Education reform is always part of any discussion with the Alabama governor these days, and Monday was no exception. Governor Folsom urged the group to support reform to keep Alabama in the forefront of an "emerging South."

The governor said he might fail in some of his projects but, "I want people to know that I would rather try to make this a better state and fail than sit there and do nothing."

In closing the meeting, Stokes urged Folsom to come back to Elba next year ... driving that fancy Mercedes! (The one recently donated to the Governor's office for official use)

JUDGE TERRY BUTTS

Hanchey lawsuit settled

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The running battle that has kept former police chief Freddie Hanchey off the job for almost a year and the resulting lawsuit are apparently over.

City officials and a host of lawyers spent Tuesday afternoon in Montgomery with Federal Judge Charles Coody. They were in a court ordered appearance in a successful effort to settle the matter before the matter actually went to trial.

Informed sources explain that the apparent settlement will not become official until it is reduced to writing, approved by Judge Albright and then officially approved Monday night by the Elba City Council.

The terms of the thus far verbal agreement are as follows: Hanchey and his attorneys will receive a total of \$50,000 and Hanchey will return to work with the Elba Police Department. Basically the number was arrived at by computing the difference in the amount he made while working at Dorsey Trailers and what he would have made with the police department. Hanchey will get that amount, plus a sum for "pain and suffering." The balance will be eaten up by attorney fees and costs. Elba carries liability insurance to cover such lawsuits.

The settlement agreed upon Tuesday ends both the multi-million dollar suit against the City of Elba and the suit against Mayor Ricky Haywood personally.

Hanchey is scheduled to return to

the Elba Police Department next Monday, according to sources close to the case. His place in the pecking order will be just under the Assistant Chief. His starting salary will be \$11,000 per hour.

The city officials were ordered to be in Montgomery last Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. before Coody in the federal courthouse. Lawyers, insurance company representatives and Hanchey were also present.

Judge Coody talked privately with the city council members, privately with Haywood, and then with them jointly. Each of these meetings lasted about one hour. He also held conferences with attorneys representing each side.

WSFA-TV Looks At Education Reform

On Monday night, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m., WSFA will air GREAT EXPECTATIONS: ROAD TO REFORM, a live one hour program on education reform proposals facing the state legislature.

Bob Howell and Kim Hendrix will host this panel discussion featuring education leaders and those spearheading the reform movement.

ROAD TO REFORM will be broadcast live from Lee High School in Montgomery with questions coming from the audience as well as from television viewers via telephone.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

CHRISTMAS PARTY. Each year, many Coffee County children are found to be needy. A Christmas Party for as many of these children as possible - complete with Santa - is set for December 17, 1993, at the home of Circuit Judge Gary McAliley. Any individual or organization wishing to help insure one or more children receives Christmas presents can contact Eva McGrath at 393-2618 (day) or Janet McAliley at 347-0484 (after 5 p.m.) or mail contributions to: The Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 306, Enterprise, AL 36331.

MONUMENT DEDICATION. A monument dedication ceremony will be held at the Pleasant Ridge Church on Saturday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. The monument, in memory of Olin McCollough, will be dedicated by his son, Dr. Gaylon McCollough. The public is invited to attend the event. The church is located near the Victoria Community on Coffee Co. Rd. 236 (old Co. Rd. 25).

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST. Elba's Boy Scout Troop 37 is sponsoring a Christmas Lights Contest to be held on Monday, Dec. 20th. One may enter by decorating their home or business with lights and notifying Elba City Hall at 897-2333. The deadline for entering is noon on the date of the contest.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS. During the Christmas & New Year's holidays, the offices in the Elba Courthouse will be closed on December 23, 24, & 31.

Elba's Annual Christmas Festival set for Saturday

The annual Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, December 11, 1993 around the stately Elba Courthouse.

The town square will be filled with excitement as many festivities take place during the day beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The arts and crafts will be set up all around the square with many different ideas for Christmas shopping. A gift for everyone can be found at the festival.

The entertainment will also begin at 9:00 with a great line up of entertainers for all to enjoy. There will be new talent this year as well as some faithful that are called on year after year.

Masters of Ceremony will be Rob Hudson who has been performing with Country Music USA at Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee and Roger Boothe who has agreed to help out during the day in order to make this festival a success.

Some of the entertainment for the day will be the group "Majesty" from Troy who will be performing at 9:30. This group includes two of Elba's own young men, Jim English and Art Williams. You don't want to miss this treat. The group is led by Randle Myers of Collegedale Church of Christ.

At 10:00 there will be a Karate exhibition led by Mr. Michael Patrick. This will be real exciting and everyone is looking forward to this class performing.

From 10:30 to 11:30 some of Elba's very own children will be performing with different acts. Beverlee Benbow, Leslie Stinson, and Job Bowers will be clogging. Camie Kelley will be singing, and Dustin Rhoades will be performing his very special act. You don't want to miss these youngsters. Who knows what stars may live right here in Elba?

Eleven thirty will find the Church of Christ Choir, led by Tom Maddox, will perform. This is the first time they have performed at the festival. Everyone is excited about this group and know they will be in demand again and again.

The Harris Temple Church Choir, under the direction of Keith Ellison, will be performing at 12:00. Keith is a fine young man who has been called as pastor of this church. Everyone looks forward to this time that they will be sharing.

The Dixie Belles of Troy will be clogging at 12:30. This is a group of

young children from the surrounding areas. They are a very talented group and all are anxious to see them perform.

At 1:00 the Westside Baptist Children's Choir will be performing. This is one of the groups that has been faithful to help throughout the years of the festival.

Of course at 3:00 the Little Miss Christmas pageant will be held on center stage. Everyone looks forward to the crowning of the new Little Miss Christmas. Everyone wants to thank Little Miss Christmas 1992, Kerri Lawford, for her reign throughout the year and for helping to crown the new Little Miss Christmas 1993.

At 2:00 the Elba High School

Band will be in concert. All of their hard work is appreciated. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Maddox are doing a fine job with this group.

At 2:30 the Sweet Adelines from Montgomery will be performing. This is one of the groups that has been faithful to help throughout the years of the festival.

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Please join in and help make this the best year ever. See you at the Christmas Festival on the Square, Saturday, December 11, 1993.

Zion Chapel High School Band, under the direction of Christy Clark, will close out the day of activity with a Christmas concert. They will be performing at 4:00 and then will depart to be a part of the Christmas parade.

The lighting ceremony will be just prior to the start of the parade at 5:00. Make your plans to spend the day in downtown Elba on Saturday, December 11. Those who don't attend will certainly miss out on a lot of good food, good entertainment, good crafts and a good time.

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Christmas Festival 1993 Saturday, December 11 Entertainment

9:00..... Christmas Music (Taped).....	Rob Hudson
9:30..... "Majesty"	Troy, AL
10:00..... Karate	(Michael Patrick)
10:30..... Elba FFA Quartet	
11:00..... Beverlee Benbow, Leslie Stinson, Job Bowers - Clogging	Camie Kelley
11:30..... Church of Christ Choir (Elba).....	Keith Ellison
12:00..... Harris Temple Choir.....	Tom Maddox
12:30..... Dixie Belles (Troy)	Keith Ellison
1:00..... Westside Baptist Children's Choir	John Bell
1:30..... First Baptist Church Hand Bell Choir	Elba
2:00..... Elba High School Band	Christmas Music
2:30..... Sweet Adelines	Montgomery
3:00..... Little Miss Christmas 1993	
4:00..... Zion Chapel Band	Christmas Music
4:30..... Lighting Ceremony	on the square
5:00..... Parade	Downtown

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW SCHEDULE IT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: MONDAY 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.; TUESDAY 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.; WEDNESDAY 10 A.M.-12 P.M.; THURSDAY 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.; FRIDAY 10 A.M.-5 P.M. THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

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